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SUBJ: SPINY LOBSTER

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1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED PHONE CALL FEB. 3 FROM NEWSMAN AT ONE OF MIAMI RADIO STATIONS CLAIMING TO HAVE "RELIABLE INFORMATION" THAT EAST COAST FISHERIES HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY GCOB WITH PROPOSAL THAT EAST COAST VESSELS BE RENTED TO GCOB FOR LOBSTER FISHING, TO BE TOTALLY MANNED BY BAHAMIAN CREWS. NEWSMAN WAS SEEKING CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WERE CURRENTLY GOING FORWARD. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS AND EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM THAT GCOB WOULD MAKE SUCH AN APPROACH GIVEN ITS APPARENT SATISFACTION WITH STATUS QUO. AMBASSADOR SPECULATED THAT IT WAS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT EAST COAST FISHERIES MAY HAVE MADE SUCH AN APPROACH WITH WHICH AMBASSADOR WAS UNFAMILIAR. NEWSMAN INSISTED THAT INFORMATION WAS FROM EAST COAST FISHERIES WHO CLAIMED THAT APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE BY GCOB AND THAT EAST COAST FISHERIES WAS CONCERNED AS TO WHETHER IT SHOULD RENT SUCH BOATS WITHOUT HAVING AMERICAN PERSONNEL ABOARD. AMBASSADOR

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INSISTED THAT HE WAS SKEPTICAL CONCERNING THE REPORT BUT THAT

IF IT HAD ANY VALIDITY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER EAST COAST FISHERIES COULD ACCEPT RISKS INHERENT IN RENTING TO GCOB WAS, OF COURSE, MATTER FOR EAST COAST FISHERIES TO WORK OUT.

2. SUBSEQUENT CHECK WITH MINAG CONFIRMED THAT SO FAR AS THEY WERE AWARE NO SUCH APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE BY EITHER SIDE, I.E., EAST COAST FISHERIES TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES OR VICE VERSA. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN TALKING TO EAST COAST FISHERIES. AN INTEREST IN RENTING EAST COAST'S BOATS COULD BE A COUNTER PROPOSAL TO EAST COAST'S SCHEME (SEE REFTTEL) OF SELLING BOATS BUT KEEPING TITLE AND CREW IN ITS HANDS UNTIL BOATS WERE PAID OFF. EMBASSY IS TRYING TO CONTACT MINDEV FOR CLARIFICATION AND WILL REPORT TO DEPARTMENT AS FURTHER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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